

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown re-written below with amendments effected therein. Appendix I is attached hereto having marked versions of said claims with amendments indicated by brackets and underlining.

5. (Amended) The game system according to Claim 2, wherein

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the line is set in one direction of a vertical direction and a horizontal direction of the matrix, and the dividend controlling device produces the dividend or changes the dividend having been produced when a predetermined combination is formed by the cards on the predetermined number of the effective lines, at least in the diagonal direction or in a direction crossing with the above line at right angle in the matrix.

6. (Amended) The game system according to Claim 2, wherein

the predetermined number corresponds to a maximum number of the lines included in the matrix.

9. (Amended) The game system according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a selecting device for selecting reception of a dividend or a chance of increasing a dividend when the dividend controlling device produces the dividend, according to a player's instruction given by the input unit; and

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a dividend increase controlling device for increasing the dividend if an outcome of the game satisfies a predetermined condition, while performing a predetermined game, when the above chance is selected.